

No. 22-4405(L)  
No. 22-4428  
No. 22-4429

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IN THE  
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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United States of America,

Appellee,

vs.

George Alexander Underwood,  
Johnny Ricardo Neal, Jr.,  
Robert Andrew Sprouse,

Appellants.

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**UNOPPOSED JOINT MOTION FOR FILING OVERSIZED BRIEF**

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Pursuant to Local Rule 32(b) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Appellants hereby moves the Court hereby moves this Court for permission to file a brief in excess of the 13,000-word limit imposed by Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32(a)(7)(B). Appellants' brief is currently due March 3, 2023.

Appellants in these consolidated appeals all proceeded to trial in the district court. The trial on a seventeen (17) count second superseding indictment lasted eleven (11) days. The trial transcript contains over 2,300 pages, and the government introduced over 60 exhibits, many of which were multipage exhibits related to wire

fraud allegations. Finally, while all counsel have been diligent in working together to consolidate issues and arguments for appeal, the need to present fulsome arguments for all three Appellants regarding multiple issues has required additional arguments to fully protect Appellants' interests.

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WHEREFORE, Appellants move to exceed the word limitation for opening briefs contained in Appellate Rule 32(a)(7)(B). Appellants' brief is 17,796 words.

Pursuant to Rule 27(a), counsel for Appellants consulted with counsel for Appellee, John Taddei, who has no objection to this request.

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